

What is claimed is:

1. A carrier for chromatography or a pre-treating carrier comprising a carrier material consisting essentially of a metal compound, capable of reacting with a carboxylic acid compound or a carrier material, whose
5 surface is coated with the metal compound, and a carboxylic acid compound linked to the surface of the carrier material.
2. The carrier for chromatography or pre-treating carrier of claim 1, wherein the metal compound is at least one member selected from the group consisting of aluminum oxide and silver oxide.
- 10 3. The carrier for chromatography or pre-treating carrier of claim 1 or 2, wherein the carrier material is a porous carrier material or a non-porous carrier material.
4. The carrier for chromatography or pre-treating carrier of claim 1 or 2, wherein the carrier material is at least one member selected from the group
15 consisting of aluminum oxide and silver oxide.
5. The carrier for chromatography or pre-treating carrier of any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein the carrier material is silica, glass, cellulose, a ceramic material, carbon or a cross-linked polymeric compound.
6. The carrier for chromatography or pre-treating carrier of any one of
20 claims 1 to 5, wherein the carrier material is a spherical carrier material, a fiber-like carrier material, a crushed piece-like carrier material or the inner surface of a capillary.
7. The carrier for chromatography or pre-treating carrier of any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein the carboxylic acid compound is a fatty acid having 1
25 to 40 carbon atoms.
8. The carrier for chromatography or pre-treating carrier of claim 7, wherein the fatty acid comprises stearic acid.
9. The carrier for chromatography or pre-treating carrier of any one of

claims 1 to 8, wherein the carboxylic acid compound comprises at least two different carboxylic acid compounds.

10. A kit for the preparation of a carrier or a pre-treating carrier for chromatography comprising a carrier material consisting essentially of a metal compound, capable of reacting with a carboxylic acid compound or a carrier material whose surface is coated with the metal compound and the carboxylic acid compound to be linked to the surface of the carrier material.